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SFACF ACCEPTING GIFTS FOR ARBORETUM CAMPAIGN



The Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum & East Sioux Falls Historic Site is a true public-private partnership that will create a unique park along the city's eastern edge. Members of the Wegner Arboretum Society in November launched a \$1.6 million capital campaign approved by the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Appeals. SFACF provides back-office support for the drive, accepting contributions and issuing tax receipts to donors. Matching dollars in the City of Sioux Falls' Capital Improvements Program are set aside for design and construction of the landscape arboretum. L-R: Jeff Scherschligt, Arboretum Campaign Chairman, and Mayor Dave Munsun.

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Trees and community foundations just go together. Both grow deep roots to stand the test of time and return valuable resources to their surroundings, year after year.

Small wonder, then, that Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation helps donors develop so many parks in our area. This winter, SFACF and a start-up nonprofit are planting seeds that will flourish over generations, as a \$1.6 million capital campaign gets underway for the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum & East Sioux Falls Historic Site.

The Community Foundation has been part of Arboretum plans nearly from the start. In late 2005, SFACF brought together members of the citizens' group Sioux Falls Beautiful and arranged a lead gift from the Karl Wegner Family. Acting on the Family's behalf and on the promise of a deferred gift that one day will enhance and maintain the landscape arboretum, SFACF worked with the City to secure park naming rights in memory of Mary Jo Wegner — a wife, mother, and arboretum advocate.

Less than three years later, the Wegner Arboretum Society landed a slot on the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce's Community Appeals schedule. SFACF is providing back-office support for the fundraising effort, which kicked off in November and runs through March 31, 2009.

"The fact that the City of Sioux Falls has set aside matching money in the Capital Improvements Program budget makes this a true public-private partnership," says Jeff Scherschligt, the campaign's chairman and a member of the Society's board. "That allows us to leverage donor contributions with public dollars and really do something incredible that's good for our community and also will draw tourists from the region."

Scherschligt and other Society members are collaborating with Minnehaha County officials and private landowners to acquire the park's full 115 acres. Portions will overlap the East Sioux Falls town site, where early settlers quarried the rose-colored stone that still adorns many of downtown's most familiar landmarks.

The Arboretum complements the City's existing green spaces, most notably the Arrowhead nature area — gifted to the community by Dale and Dorothy Weir through SFACF. The two parks, which lie along Highway 42 east of Sioux Falls, will be joined by an underpass and linked to Great Bear Recreation Park via an 11-mile spur of the bike trail.

The master concept for the Arboretum highlights native plants and those brought to the site by various peoples during the area's history. Bur oaks, the symbol of the Arboretum, already stand at the site, and plans call for themed gardens, prairie grasses and flowers, and interpretive trails guiding visitors to the still-visible remnants of the old quarry town.

Eighteen acres of festival grounds will invite community celebrations and family gatherings alike. And, at the Arboretum's main entrance, a re-creation of East Sioux Falls' distinctive, L-shaped schoolhouse will serve as both a welcome center and a hands-on classroom.

The site's unique history and educational potential are major parts of its allure. Places such as the Arboretum "get kids away from the computer and out into nature," Scherschligt says.

Minnehaha County Commissioner Carol Tweed championed the project during a late summer press conference to announce the campaign, saying the Arboretum "will be to Sioux Falls what Central Park is to New York City."

Scherschligt hopes donors will share that grand vision despite recent market uncertainties, and make good on the campaign slogan promise, "A Path to Yesterday and Tomorrow."

"It's a very compelling project at a difficult time," Scherschligt says. "But you don't quit when things get hard. More than any other time, that's when we need to keep showing the positive results that can come when people work together."

Use the form on page 6 to make your gift to the Arboretum Campaign.

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GIVING MAKES FOR A HAPPIER LIFE

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

CANDY HANSON



Turns out Mom was right. The adage she touted as the holidays approached and her daughters came down with a serious case of the greedies is spot on, "Remember, girls, it's more blessed to give than to receive."

Enlightenment hit recently as I drove home from work listening to "All Things Considered" on South Dakota Public Radio. It was toward the end of a "Friend Raising" week. The commentator encouraged listeners to contribute to the campaign by sharing the results of a study designed to find out whether money can buy happiness.

This is how it worked. Psychologists at the University of British Columbia

brought a group of students together. The students were asked to rate their level of happiness. Then the researchers gave each student some cash. Half of the participants had to spend the money on themselves. The others had to give their money away.

At the end of the day, the students again rated their happiness. Those who had given their cash away — to charity or as a gift to someone else — were significantly happier than students who had spent the money on themselves!

At Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, the joy of giving is never more evident than in donors who are wrapping up their estate plans. They've consulted their advisors, made

provisions for their loved ones, and are ready to arrange legacy gifts for the churches, schools, and organizations they hold dear.

Whether one celebrates Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, or the solstice, the giving season is upon us. All of us at SFACF hope that your heart will know the joy of giving to others. And, when the New Year rolls around, make a resolution to get your estate in order and come see us. Charitable bequests are the happy part of estate planning.

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Sioux Empire United Way

SFACF GRANT PROVIDES SCHOOL HOTLINE FOR PARENTS FROM FARAWAY PLACES

Adane Redda walked three hours a day to get to school and home again in his native Ethiopia. Today, nine years after coming to the United States, the Lutheran Social Services case worker is helping fellow immigrants overcome a far different set of educational challenges.

Redda and 11 other minority leaders in the community are part of the *Translators of Cultures* program, an offshoot of the Sioux Falls School District's *Minority Youth Advocacy Project*. Redda and co-chair Irina Goubanova are committed to promoting education for immigrant and refugee youth, and to building bridges between schools and families. Volunteers work directly with other parents, serving as interpreters and guiding them through a foreign educational system. At the same time, the *Translators* teach the teachers at Whittier Middle School and Washington High School by sharing their knowledge of cultural nuances with staff and administrators.

This fall, a grant from SFACF unrestricted *COMMUNITY FUNDS* helped expand the four-year-old program with a new Parent Hotline. Callers who phone 274-1439 dial in to a HELPLINE Center partnership that offers answers to school-related questions. *Translators* and school counselors will staff the line from 6 to 8 p.m. each Monday night. At all other times, the Parent Hotline carries a recorded greeting that invites parents to leave messages for follow-up calls. Callers currently hear English, Spanish, Bosnian, Russian, and Amharic and Oromingya — Ethiopia's two main languages. French, the seventh language, is spoken in the Congo and other nearby African nations. Additional languages, including Arabic, Somali, and Nepalese, soon will be available as well.



"They're getting information from people they trust, who have been through many of the same experiences," says Goubanova, a Russian immigrant and language arts teacher who also is a licensed counselor. She credits the school district with recognizing the need for programs such as *Translators*, and for realizing that online tools such as the district's "ParentView" portal aren't a one-size-fits-all solution. "Even reading a school calendar or checking in on their children's progress can be very difficult, since many of these parents haven't even used a computer before," Goubanova says.

Like Redda, *Translator* Vagif Khalilov has several school-age children. He understands the value of education, having earned two college degrees in Russia before coming to America three years ago. He helps Russian and Turkish families adapt to their new lives in Sioux Falls, but he admits that even he was confused by the first report cards his children brought home from English-speaking schools. "I asked, 'What are your grades?'" and they showed me these silly letters that didn't mean anything to me," Khalilov says, speaking through

volunteer leaders from within the immigrant community guide more recent newcomers through the public school system as part of the *Translators of Cultures* program. A grant from SFACF unrestricted *COMMUNITY FUNDS* helped establish a Parent Hotline that provides immigrant and refugee parents with a direct connection to school counselors and interpreters who answer school-based questions in seven languages. L-R: *Translators of Cultures* members (standing) Lyudmila Lebed, Hanna Snizhko, Irina Goubanova, Vagif Khalilov, Adane Redda, (seated) Aida Brasic, Yakov Danilko.

interpreter Goubanova. "Back home, we use numbers. Five is the best and one is what you call an 'F.'"

Translators connects students, parents, and the school community by bringing together people who care about the same things, according to volunteer Hanna Snizhko. Seven of her eight children go to local schools, and the former Ukrainian nurse is studying new subjects herself at Kilian Community College. Her countrywoman Lyudmila Lebed invites families from her church and her neighborhood to be part of *Translators*. Student leaders are part of that mix as the program expands, identifying youth who can reach out to their peers.

"Our program is not a huge one," Goubanova says. "It's still very grassroots, but coming from within the immigrant and refugee communities, we know we are making a difference."

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BANQUET CHALLENGE GRANT TIMES OUT IN JANUARY



An anonymous donor family is offering a \$100,000 challenge grant through Jan. 2, 2009, to help build The Banquet's endowment at SFACE. The match is the family's way of thanking Carolyn Downs for her 20 years leading the food ministry. When Downs retired earlier this year, the local Noon Sertoma Club hosted a dinner and good-natured "celebrity roasts" in her honor to jump-start THE BANQUET ENDOWMENT. L-R: Retirement dinner emcee Vernon Brown and Carolyn Downs.

Workers at The Banquet expect the lines to be longer than usual this winter at the downtown ministry. People who barely were getting by a few months ago now must balance rising fuel costs with even greater economic uncertainties.

But this year, snow clouds come with a silver lining — a \$100,000 challenge grant from philanthropists who believe that no one in our community should go hungry.

Soon after hearing about plans for an SFACF endowment for The Banquet, an anonymous donor family decided to share their blessings with others and to thank Carolyn Downs for her 20 years of leadership at the food ministry.

Their proposal? If The Banquet can raise \$300,000 in designated gifts for THE BANQUET ENDOWMENT by Jan. 2, 2009, the donors will contribute another \$100,000 to the permanent fund at SFACF!

The initial spark for the endowment and its kick-off event came from Sioux Falls Noon Sertoma Club, which has sponsored and served at the Banquet for the past 23 years. Members, inspired by Downs' leadership, hit upon the idea of organizing a retirement party with the proceeds directed to THE BANQUET ENDOWMENT.

Downs' friends were happy to join in the fun, treating her to a good-natured ribbing as they shared stories and anecdotes about Downs with the dinner audience. In the end, Sertomans raised \$113,000 toward The Banquet challenge.

With the year coming to a close and the challenge grant deadline approaching, fundraising is in full swing.

Reaching the goal means additional security for the food ministry, which has an annual budget of more than a half-million dollars and has seen operating expenses increase 10 to 15 percent each year. That budget must cover the cost of non-donated food, staff salaries, and volunteer training as well as utilities and special initiatives that have grown into community mainstays.

Fundraisers believe that area donors will rise to the challenge and push contributions to the success mark. "With this support for the endowment, The Banquet will be able to continue its important ministry well into the future," says Executive Director Tamera Jerke-Liesinger.

Use the form on page 6 to make your gift to THE BANQUET ENDOWMENT. To qualify for the \$100,000 challenge grant, remember to send your contribution prior to the Jan. 2 deadline.

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A record-breaking crowd helped celebrate good works in our area during the annual donor reception at C.J. Callaway's. The October event highlighted some of the year's most innovative SFACF projects and congratulated Steve and Allison Garry on being named Friends of the Foundation. Two of the Garrys' four sons were able to attend, recognizing their parents for putting community second only to family. L-R: Sara with husband Nick Garry, Allison and Steve Garry, and Mark Garry.



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In Memory of Gene Hanson
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In Memory of Edward Oines
Lois Harchanko
In Memory of Merle Pfueger
In Memory of Betty Rosin
Rev. Warren Shoberg

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In Honor of Sue Brown's Induction into the South Dakota Hall of Fame
In Honor of the Marriage of Linda Green and Britt Ball
In Memory of Roland Messner
In Memory of Verne Mae Moser
In Memory of Clifford Van Whye
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In Memory of Max Benson
In Memory of Marilyn (Cole) Carlson
In Memory of Jacky Neuharth
In Memory of Ed Speier
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Dianna and Dave Tyler
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Leland and Marilyn Huft
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In Memory of Betty Rosin
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In Memory of Donna Selnes
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In Memory of Dennis Plooster
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In Honor of Scott and John Meyer
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In Memory of Keith "Larry" Torkelson
Collin and Lora Moriarty
In Memory of Lowell Voigt
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Clarice Voigt

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Funds

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Endowment
In Memory of Constance Kundert McDowell
Sam and Norma Assam
In Memory of Merle Pflueger
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In Memory of Marie Eide
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In Memory of John Schaele
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Donald and Kate Barnes
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SFACF GRANT CONNECTS ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES TO A WIDER COMMUNITY

The hour Brian Culbert spends in his kimono each week at Larry Hoover ATA Black Belt Academy demands his full focus and discipline. Intent on mimicking his instructor's fluid movements, Culbert repeats the same exercises again and again.

Culbert receives services from South Dakota Achieve, a private, nonprofit organization that provides a variety of support services to people with developmental disabilities. The drills are only a small part of what Culbert and his classmates have learned during their karate lessons. "Everyone deserves a chance to show their best," Becky Sluiter says of the adults who take part in the agency's *Achieve More with Martial Arts* program. "Your best and my best might be different, but it's still giving it everything we've got."

Director of education opportunities for Achieve, Sluiter worked with Hoover and his staff to adapt the standard karate program for people supported by Achieve. A \$5,000 grant from SFACF's unrestricted COMMUNITY FUNDS will help the year-old program continue in 2009 and allow twice as many adults with disabilities to participate.

Achieve More with Martial Arts owes its start to Royce Gailey, an instructor at the Academy, and Dan Luke, a participant who works at Achieve. Impressed by the determination of a 5-year-old student working out while wearing a leg brace, the men imagined how a martial arts program designed for people living with disabilities could boost self-confidence, fitness, and community relationships.

Over the course of the 10-month program, Academy staff runs weekly practices specifically for people who receive services at Achieve. Every seven weeks, participants take their skills tests in front of a panel of judges and along with adult students from Hoover's other classes.

Testing together is an important part of the program. "People supported at Achieve don't want to stand out as people with disabilities," Sluiter says. "They want to be treated like all the other martial arts students and be known for their hard work, skills, and commitment."



A grant from SFACF unrestricted COMMUNITY FUNDS is helping expand an innovative program for adults served at South Dakota Achieve. The nonprofit's *Achieve More with Martial Arts* initiative builds self-confidence, physical fitness, and social skills in adults with disabilities. Here, Brian Culbert works through a karate skills-set test with help from Royce Gailey, an instructor at Larry Hoover ATA Black Belt Academy.

Each has grown in his or her own way through the physically and mentally challenging program, Sluiter says. Hoover's approach teaches life lessons along with martial arts, emphasizing the need for students to respect themselves and others.

The program's success is evident in comments from first-year participants. "Sometimes I quit things when it gets hard," one student admits. "But I don't want to quit this. I feel good about myself when I'm doing karate."

With help from SFACF adults with disabilities are building confidence, taking on challenges, and learning new skills. The pride they gain from reaching their martial arts goals is sure to encourage them to *Achieve More* in life as well.

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SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year, SFACF honors more than 100 students with awards from more than 90 scholarship funds. Most students receive their awards in April, but a few winners are selected during the summer. SFACF congratulates the winners of the following awards, which were made between May and September 2008.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Patrick McCann

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FAMILY ENGINEERING

SCHOLARSHIP

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Andrew Wieting

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nathan Dix

Mary Remily

SPIRIT OF SIOUX FALLS

SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Adamsom

Alison Klinkhammer

Natasha Reeder

Ronna Ringen

GREAT GRANTS FROM COMMUNITY FUNDS

Donors to SFACF unrestricted COMMUNITY FUND endowments make it possible for the Grants Committee to make awards to a variety of organizations every two months. These grants were made from July 2008 through September 2008.

CENTER OF HOPE, \$2,730

Expands services offered to parolees, ranging from needs assessment and referrals to physical and mental health evaluations.

CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, \$699,890

Develops the Elmen Park Trailhead, which runs along the Sioux River, north of 12th Street with access to the Big Sioux River Greenway bike trail system. This grant was made possible by the James and Eloise Elmen Family Foundation and the Robert and Rita Elmen Family Foundation.

DAKOTA SKY INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL, \$1,000

Provides opportunities for audiences to experience live, classical music and for pianists to improve skills through master classes led by prize-winning musicians.

FAMILY CONNECTION, \$6,000

Brings therapeutic support groups for children in grades K-8 who have a parent or close family member in prison. Students discuss topics such as self-esteem, decision-making, conflict resolution, and how to express emotions.

FAMILY VISITATION CENTER, \$624

Purchases alcohol-testing equipment and supplies to help ensure a safe environment for children who visit noncustodial adults.

GLORY HOUSE, \$1,000

Improves staff capacity for working with Native Americans by using culturally appropriate concepts designed to foster trust, autonomy, and other feelings that promote healthy growth.

JOE FOSS ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, \$2,000

Provides "Second Chances," an original musical based on Joe Foss students' life experiences and produced in partnership with the University of Sioux Falls Communication Studies and Theatre Department.

LIU DREAMERS LEARNING CENTER, \$924

Purchases updated playground equipment for Garetson's sole daycare center and provider of before- and after-school programs.

SANFORD HEALTH, \$9,000

Brings the rejuvenating power of the arts to patients and staff at Sanford Cancer Center through *Journey in the Healing of Arts*, a program of workshops led by local artists to enhance cancer treatment experiences.

SIOUX EMPIRE ARTS COUNCIL, \$3,000

Fosters understanding among cultures through support of the Community Art Mosaic, an original tile work created by students at all three Sioux Falls public high schools to illustrate the diversity within our area. The work will be permanently displayed on the cement retaining wall near the River Ramp, along East River Road at Ninth Street and Second Avenue in downtown Sioux Falls.

SIOUX EMPIRE UNITED WAY, \$2,000

Provides swimsuits and pool passes for underserved youth in the Sioux Falls area. This grant was made possible by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

SIOUX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, \$12,300

Builds bridges between schools and families through *Translators of Cultures*. Minority representatives with strong leadership skills serve as advocates for students and families, promoting education and cultural understanding to help eliminate distrust, fears, and prejudices. (See story on page 3.)

SIOUX FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, \$800

Keeps youth ages 11 through 18 in the game with real-time game and player statistics updates—a requirement of the South Dakota State Amateur Hockey Association—with the purchase of a laptop computer.

SOUNDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA, INC., \$999

Celebrates opera and music passes performed by South Dakota connected artists at "Vocal Showcase 2008," the first performance in the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Series.

SOUTH DAKOTA ACHIEVE, \$5,000

Builds self-worth and independence in individuals with disabilities through support of *Achieve More with Martial Arts*, a program that encourages involvement in a community activity. (See story at left.)

SOUTH DAKOTA VOICES FOR CHILDREN, \$3,000

Underwrites a "Summit on Children in Poverty," a gathering of policy leaders, child welfare service providers, and the concerned public, to identify cornerstones for an initiative to address child poverty in South Dakota.

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, \$5,679

Enhances outdoor learning opportunities for children at the Scarborough Center, Southeast Technical Institute's on-site daycare center.

THERAPEUTIC HEALING INSTITUTE, \$2,500

Raises awareness of integrative medicine and how it works to complement traditional medicine in helping cancer patients.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK FLAGPOLE PROJECT, \$1,000

Assists in the purchase of 21 telescoping flagpoles and U.S. flags to be placed at the Park on national holidays.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, \$1,000

Supports *Kids Count*, a safe, after-school program for children of low-income families. This grant was made possible by Citi.

YWCA OF SIOUX FALLS, \$5,885

Helps the YWCA grow and expand its services by assisting with the purchase of software used to cultivate and build relationships with donors.

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LOYAL HEART INSPIRES LASTING GIFTS

IRA GIFTS EXTENDED THROUGH 2009

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 breathed new life into tax-free transfers from Individual Retirement Accounts.

In 2008 and 2009, traditional IRA holders who are at least 70½ years old may make direct charitable contributions of up to \$100,000 per year from their IRAs to charity. Married couples with separate accounts are eligible to gift up to \$200,000 annually.

An earlier version of the "IRA Rollover" sunsetted last year. Proponents immediately introduced legislation to extend the act, but Congress grappled over the provisions for several months. In the end, the "Rollover" was amended to the Economic Stabilization Act.

If you want to make a tax-free gift from IRA holdings, please start by contacting your tax attorney. You'll need to make sure that the option is a good one for you.

Then give SFAC a ring. Your rollover can be deposited tax free to hundreds of local organization endowments, field of interest or unrestricted funds, and scholarships. Sorry, donor-advised funds are not eligible for tax-free transfers.



HELEN ANDERSON

Helen Anderson's heart overflowed with loyalty for the people and places she loved.

Born as World War I raged overseas, she cherished the Sundays that her father took the family from church services at Calvary Episcopal Cathedral to lunch at the YMCA's café. As a college co-ed in Vermillion, where she graduated with a degree in business administration, she kept a soft spot in her heart for the campus where she met her first husband. And her time as a member of Job's Daughters and Daughters of the Nile endeared her to the Shriners' cause of caring for children in need of medical care.

Anderson held tight to those memories throughout her lifetime and let them guide her in creating a legacy that will benefit her community for good, for ever. With help from financial advisor John Quello, Anderson funded several gift annuities at SFAC. The charitable investments paid her a fixed income during her life and, when she died in February 2008, created several permanent funds that now help sustain the nonprofits that sustained her.

Anderson's church is one of several area groups she provided for in her estate plans. Each August, the HELEN M. ANDERSON CALVARY CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT will pay an annual distribution to the Cathedral. "She was a member of Calvary Cathedral for all of her 90 years," recalls her brother, Walter Leyse. "She was baptized there and never strayed from it."

Anderson's other endowments benefit the YMCA, the Transportation Program at the El Riad Shrine, and the University of South Dakota. There, her gifts will advance the work of the USD Alumni Association and support a scholarship for Sioux Falls graduates pursuing a business degree.

The USD award also speaks to Anderson's loves for learning and young people. After she graduated in 1939, she returned home while college sweetheart Don Whitman fulfilled his ROTC commitment at Fort Benning, Ga. Anderson worked as an office secretary

at her old high school and helped raise brother Walter, 16 years her junior, and a middle sibling, Ginger. Anderson and Whitman married in late August 1940, and the newlyweds traveled to the Philippines, where the groom served as a field artillery officer. Anderson and other Army wives returned stateside in May 1941 under orders from the U.S. government. During the hard voyage home, Anderson suffered a miscarriage. The following June, Whitman was declared missing in action. Then, in December 1944, Anderson learned that while Whitman had survived the Bataan Death March and three-and-a-half years of imprisonment, he'd died aboard a Japanese transport ship when it was hit by U.S. fire.

Widowed at 27, Anderson accepted a full-time position as the principal's secretary at her high school alma mater. Her late husband's parents introduced her to Bill Derr, and the two married in 1950. They welcomed twins, Robert and Virginia, 18 months later. When the marriage ended, in 1961, Anderson came back to Sioux Falls to raise the twins. She completed continuing education courses at Augustana College and taught shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping at the high school.

Anderson and her sister, Ginger, were the best of friends. After being widowed for a second time, Anderson and Ginger decided to be roommates, eventually moving to Dow Rummel. In keeping with family ties to Freemasonry, the sisters remained active members in the Daughters of the Nile. Both enjoyed socializing, whether playing cards or just getting together with old friends.

Anderson experienced much joy and loss during her life, and through it all, Leyse says she remained a lady. She transformed her lifetime loyalties into lasting gifts so that the institutions she loved will carry on in service to others for good, for ever.

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